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## **Earth Day Tree Planting in Maringo Estate**

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On April 24, 2010, the U.S. Embassy's "Green Team" partnered with March Forth Kenya Kids and Kikwetu, two local NGOs supporting youth, to plant 100 trees in Maringo Estate in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. Deputy Chief of Mission, Lee Brudvig, planted the first tree, and from there 30 embassy employees and 75 local youth lowered seedlings into the holes, filled them with soil, and gave them their first watering.

Following a fantastic show by local acrobats and a few speeches, Dr. Krapf primary school accepted several boxes of books donated by the Embassy. Local youth groups will have access to the wheelbarrows, watering cans, and shovels that the Embassy has left with them to start their own garbage collection business. They also received donated balls and sports shoes.

Earth Day began in the United States in 1970 and is now celebrated on April 22 throughout the world.